

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ira J. Simon and Martin S. Simon }

Serial No.: Continuation of U.S. Application Serial
No. 09/917,019 }

Group Art Unit: 3676

Filed: April 8, 2004 }

Title: Anti-Vandal Door Lock Apparatus }

Attorney Docket: 10384CONT }

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Sir:

The following remarks are presented for consideration preliminarily to examination of this application.

The present application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/917,019. This continuation application contains claims that are substantially identical to claims finally rejected in the parent application, except that each of the independent claims (i.e., Claims 1 and 13) of this continuation application differ from the rejected independent claims (i.e., Claims 1 and 19) of the parent application in that the continuation Claims 1 and 13 positively recite "a door" in the body of such claims (at line 2 thereof).

Except for such positive recitation of the door in the continuation claims, the claims of the continuation application substantially correspond to the claims of the parent application as indicated below: